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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 26 to 31 March 1993.

26 March 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Busayyah, Artawi, Jalibah, Khidr and Salman.

27 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 63 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

28 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the southern region on this day.

29 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Khidr, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah and Busayyah.

30 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Amarah, Lasaf and Busayyah.

31 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, the Dukan dam and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 86 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, the area to the south of Najaf, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

At 1147 hours on 31 March 1993, a hostile reconnaissance aircraft overflew the city of Basra at an altitude of 20,000 metres, and at 1435 hours it disappeared to the south of the Nukhayb area.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative